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ATA and the Ministry of Tourism, Transportation & Labour release new coffee table book on Aruba



Myrna Jansen and Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes receiving the first copies of the book from Rona Coster and Tina Causey-Bislick

The Aruba Tourism Authority, ATA, in cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism, Transportation & Labour, produced a colorful coffee table book in celebration of the island's recent milestone of marking 50 years in tourism titled "A Golden Aruba from A to Z—Celebrating 50 years and beyond in tourism."

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HRH Princess Laurentien on island for the launch of her 2nd Mr. Finny book : *Mr. Finny and the Other Side of the Water*"

Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Social & Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar were proud to play host and hostess to HRH Princess Laurentien, the wife of HRH Prince Constantijn, the third and youngest son of HRM Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands, during her visit to Arikok National Park on Monday afternoon.

Princess Laurentien, a long-time advocate of promoting literacy, is on island for the launch of the second in a series of children's books she has authored called "Mr. Finny and the Other Side of the Water," which has been translated and published in Papiamento through the auspices of UNOCA. The first in the series is "Mr. Finny and the World Upside Down."

The book was originally launched in Holland in February of last year, and Aruba's Prime Minister was invited to



Baptizing the book

attend as well as being a recipient of a gift copy. During the launch of the Papiamento version, Princess Laurentien revealed that his concern for the

environment and how it will affect his island home inspired her topic for the second book

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Small plane en route from US crashes off Aruba

Dutch Caribbean Coast guard saves pilots

ORANJESTAD -- Yesterday morning, the Dutch Caribbean Coast Guard rescued two crew members off the coast of Aruba after they had problems with a two-motor plane. The aircraft, a Beechcraft with a pilot and copilot on board, encountered problems approximately twenty miles off the North east coast of Aruba and had to make an emergency landing in the sea.

The Curacao Air Traffic Control received the distress call and immediately advised the Rescue and Coordination Center (RCC) of the coast guard who then proceeded with the rescue mission with the Dash 8, the cutter Jaguar,



two Superrhibs of the Aruba support unit and the station ship Hr. Ms. Amsterdam. The station ship sent its onboard

helicopter to look for survivors.

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Special course for middle managers at KIA



SANTO DI PATIA -- Last Monday 14 members of the KIA (prison) staff began a special course designed for the middle management of our penitentiary institution.

The Minister of Justice paid them a visit to wish them success and a prosperous process during the special course and to encourage them during their practical experiences combined with the theoretical component of the course.

According to the Minister, the course is intended to get them to share work experiences, while following the theoretical aspects so that this will help in the formation of certain areas of the management of the institution.

The Minister indicated that there are many efforts being made to get things to run as they should. However, in order for all the plans to be realized certain basic things must be in place first, and in this context the contribution of the middle

managers is needed says Arthur Dowers, Minister of Justice. Dowers believes that middle management is important in the communication with employees, to ensure that their ideas are heard and to contribute to management in the long term

According to the Minister, an important factor of the course is that there will be moments to reflect on certain important topics. While at work there is usually little or no time to do reflection as they are so occupied with ensuring that everything is functioning well in the institution. But such a course will offer the opportunity to do this important reflection, to discuss and exchange ideas.

The Minister indicated that those who complete the entire course will be compensated. He wished them all much success and the hope that each one will follow through on the entire course.

Notice of Social Welfare payment for month of April 2012

ORANJESTAD -- The Director of the Department of Social Affairs announces to all welfare clients that the payment of welfare checks for the month of April will be on the 7th of April according to the schedule. Payment will take place at the usual locations.

Because Monday April 9th is a legal holiday, they

are requesting those whose payment is blocked, to report to the head office in Oranjestad on the 10th of April. After taking care of the blocked account, the client will be able to collect his/her welfare check on the 11th of April.

The Department requests everyone to bear in mind that this measure applies

only to those whose welfare account is blocked for the month of April 2012. All other clients may collect their payment on the 7th of April as there will be no second day for payment. For any further information, please contact their offices at Tel.582-1100 and ask for the Welfare Section (Sección de Bijstand).

Marriott Aruba Ocean Club named Resort of the Year

#1 Time Share Resort of Marriott Vacation Club

PALM BEACH -- On March 20th, 2012 the annual Resort Operations Awards of 2011 for the Marriott Vacation Club properties were presented at Marriott Vacation Club Head Quarters in Orlando. The Marriott Aruba Ocean Club was awarded resort of 2011 World Class A out of all Vacation Club resorts in the Eastern region.

The Resort Operations award recognizes exceptional Owner service, exceedingly high vacation experience scores and a Management Team that consistently operates the resort efficiently and effectively while providing world-class guest experience. The Marriott Aruba Ocean Club excelled in 2011, exceeding their year-end goals for guest satisfactory, associate performances and financial results.



Corey Guest, General Manager of Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club, Resort of the Year, in center

The award was accepted by the resort's General Manager Corey Guest in Orlando on March 20. Upon his return in Aruba, Guest was surprised by his teams. Excited and proudly they welcomed him at the main entrance with balloons

and music and banner: AOC Resort of the Year 2011. The Marriott Aruba Ocean Club looks forward to another year of great achievements and thanks its associates for their great job. Pabien Aruba Ocean Club!



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HRH Princess Laurentien on island for the launch of her 2nd Mr. Finny book

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Mr. Finny is a precocious, inquisitive human/dolphin, who has received a distress call from Pinky Pepper, the inhabitant of island where immersion from rising sea levels are imminent; the other animals living on the island are trying to flee from drowning. Mr. Finney has significant questions that all should ponder about how we treat the earth and each other and searches for solutions both above and below the sea.

Princess Laurentien has stated she created her character as a catalyst for dialogs between adults and children about the environment, hopefully prompting children to also be inquisitive and concerned. She studied History at the University of Groningen,

and received a (BA) degree in Political Science from the University of London followed by a Masters in Journalism from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1991.

HRH has long battled illiteracy in The Netherlands and in 2009 was designated UNESCO Special Envoy on "Literacy for Development" in recognition of her "outstanding commitment to the promotion of education and her profound dedication to the Organization's ideals and objectives." She was also co-recipient of the Major Bosshardt Prize in 2010 for her stance.

The newest issue is Princess Laurentien's third children's book; Mr. Finny series combines her two principal concerns: encouraging

reading skills from a young age and interest in protecting and preserving the environment. Aruba's current administration is leading the region in the drive to be fossil-fuel independent and breaking ground in the Caribbean in deploying renewable energy sources.

Upon receiving his copy of the second Mr. Finny book The PM encouraged Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar to set her ministry the task of it being translated and published in Papiamento, with Princess Laurentien's blessing.

The result was the informal "Christening" at Arikok Park, Aruba's nature preserve, with Sietske van der Wal, marine biologist and daughter of Edith and Richard van der Wal, founders of the TortugAruba Foundation, dedicated to the protection of Aruba's resident and migratory sea turtle population acting as "Madrina" the Godmother of the book. Oswald Correa, poet and 3-time winner of the Art of Words regional competition, was named "Padrino;" Godfather to the new Mr. Finny issue.

The festive ceremony was attended by those involved with the translation and publication, as well as a number of local educators and writers of children's books. The event closed with HRH Princess



Minister Hooyboer Winklaar, Princess Laurentien, Lupita Gil and Prime Minister



Count Claus-Casimir and Countess Leonore

Laurentien being introduced to the "Together We Save" team of volunteers who distributed goody bags of energy saving devices to low income homes

on the island to assist them in reducing their energy consumption and lower the monthly utility bills.

by Rosalie Klein

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Minister Oduber presents the book as a gift during SeaTrade Cruise Shipping Miami Conference

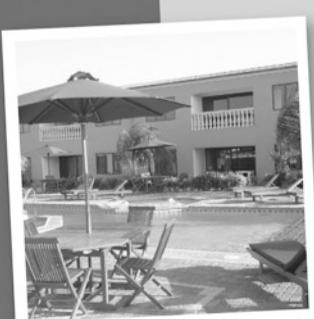
Serving as consultant with valuable input as the book progressed in design and content was ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, with additional contributions by Amayra Boekhoudt and Mandy Lopez.

"We offer this colorful memoir of words and pictures to the Aruban community, both in gratitude and as further inspiration to continue the adventure of this ongoing evolution of tourism that we have all embarked on together," shares Ronella in the book's forward. And the book, offers Minister Oduber, "...promises a refreshing glimpse of our Aruba Dushi Tera—our sweet land."

The book offers just that—a taste of Aruba presented in colorful images and small anecdotes that as a whole bring Aruba and its tourism to life. Well-re-

searched information is presented alongside a photographic mélange taken by many local photographers including Steve Keith, Anne-miek C. van Vliet, Tina Causey-Bislick, Jason Inesia, Paul van Driel, Ricardo "Cado" de Lannoy, Fernando Dulce, John Carter, Alvin Paris Jr., and stock images from the ATA and Arikok National Park. Additional research contributions were provided by Biblioteca Nacional Aruba / Arubiana & Caribiana Department.

The 128-page coffee table book is being utilized as an educational tool by the ATA, and just recently was gifted to all travel professionals here on the island for the CATA and AME conferences. A digitalized version is under production, so that the local community can enjoy the book as well.



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Soon the helicopter spotted the crew members and rescued them by hoisting them from their lifeboat. Afterwards they were brought on board the ship where they received medical treatment. Afterwards the Amsterdam went to Aruba where the two crew members were brought to land.

After a while the aircraft sank to the bottom of the sea.

The pilot and co-pilot are from Brazil.

The Dutch Caribbean Coast Guard is responsible for Search-and-Rescue operations around the islands of the Kingdom in the Caribbean area. It is also responsible for the coordination of



Search-and-Rescue in a large part of the Caribbean region.

Social Formation Program begins second round of Students



After successfully completing the first phase of the Social Formation Program with the presentation of certificates to the first 12 students, plans are in the works for the start of a new group.

Jessy Ras was appointed Head of the Social Formation Bureau and Omar Harms, the Coordinator of the work. Last Monday the second group of 24 young people made their way to the Marines Camp in Savaneta to begin the Social Formation Program. A group of 41 young people enlisted of which 4 were screened out. After being screened by a commission, a total of 28 were accepted to participate in the first phase of the program.

Of the 28 students, 24 were

chosen with 4 remaining on a reserve list. Jessy Ras explained that this second group of youngsters will begin their training in January 2013. Reason for the wait period is because ARUMIL has begun their own recruiting for the start of a new group of military students scheduled to begin their training this August.

The new group of students, reportedly, have begun the first phase of their training with much enthusiasm and motivation. Captain Ras has indicated that he is ready once more for the challenge this group will present. The support of family and parents will be crucial in helping these young people to achieve their goals.

Ras reported that this new

group will not do a 4-month internship like the first group, but will instead proceed immediately to Ensenansa Pa Empleo to begin a course of study which will be followed by a one-month internship.

The Social Formation law is a pilot project with a duration of three years. After three years, the program will be evaluated to determine whether it should be continued. Thus far it appears to be fruitful and has received positive reactions from the community.

The Social Formation Project is a cooperative program between the Mike Eman Administration, the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Netherlands.

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Ambassador of India to Caracas & Dutch Caribbean visited Aruba



Mr. Bharat, Mr. Prakash, Ambassador Ms. Smita and Ram Boolchand



Ambassador Smita getting an honor of recognition from Niti Gupta

Recently Ambassador of India to Caracas Ms. Smita Purushottam and first Secretary Mr. Anjani Kumar visited Aruba to meet Government officials and the Indian community in Aruba. The visit was really historic in the sense that it's the first ever woman Ambassador appointed by India to Caracas. Ms. Purushottam

was a University lecturer in Delhi before taking up Foreign Service and has since worked in many countries including India, Germany and Russia. She also did a one year fellowship program at Harvard University.

The Ambassador visited TNO and Minister of Economic Affairs Ms. Michelle Winklaar, Minister of Energy & Finance Mr. Mike De Meza and also the Prime Minister during her visit and promised to look up further cooperation with Aruba especially in areas of Pharmaceuticals and Training for Advanced Technology and Innovation.

During her visits, the Ambassador was also accompanied by the Hon. Counsel of India Mr. Ram Boolchand and Mr. Prakash Gupta, President of Indian Association of Aruba.

Indian Association of Aruba gave a warm welcome to the Ambassador and Mr. Kumar and offered them a unique Aruban shaped souvenir as a token. Accompanying photos show the ambience at Casa Del Mar.

AAA expects a busy Easter season

ORANJESTAD – From Friday March 30, 2012 through Sunday April 8, 2012 Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) is expecting several charter flights from mostly Caracas and Maracaibo, Venezuela. The commercial airlines that are providing the most charters or extra flights are Estelar and Venezolana (approximately 20 flights each) followed by Laser, Tiara, Avior and Perla Airlines. In total AAA expects approximately 70 charters or extra flights during this period. Even though this is a little less flights than last year, the amount of seats are considerably more than last year. This considering the fact that last year Laser flew only with ad hoc flights in this period and this year it is operating as a regular charter operator to

Aruba, AAA could calculate an increase of the available seats at approximately 20% compared to last year.

Besides the commercial airlines, AAA expect an increase in the amount of private flights. AAA cannot predict if there will be an increase compared to last year because they usually do not plan ahead.

AAA expects the busiest days of operation to be Saturday April 7, 2012 and Sunday April 8 when most passengers will be departing. The airport will coop with the amount of traffic by coordinating with all instances to be prepared and to have enough manpower available.

The Aruba Airport Authority N.V. wishes to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and safe Easter Period.

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International News

Syria steps up assault as UN moves to send monitors

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Fierce clashes erupted on Tuesday as Syria's regime sent reinforcements into rebel areas despite a truce pledge, and the UN said it was rushing a team to Damascus to pave the way for peace monitors.

The surge in violence killed at least 38 people, including 25 civilians, mostly in north and central Syria, and saw a string of arson attacks on homes, activists and monitors said.

It came a day after peace envoy Kofi Annan told the UN Security Council that President Bashar al-Assad had given assurances he would "immediately" start pulling back his forces and complete a military withdrawal from urban areas by April 10.

Foreign Minister Walid

Muallem on Tuesday pledged Syria would do its utmost to ensure the success of a Red Cross mission as he met the organisation's head, Jakob Kellenberger, who was in Damascus to seek a daily humanitarian ceasefire.

But the United States accused Assad of failing to honour his pledged troop withdrawal, as monitors reported heavy fighting in opposition strongholds in the southern region of Daraa, the central city of Homs, north-western Idlib province and near the capital.

Dozens of armoured personnel carriers arrived in Dael, a town in Daraa province where the uprising against Assad began in March 2011, as well as in Zabadani, a bastion of the rebellion near the

border with Lebanon.

The Observatory has charged that the army is torching and looting rebel houses across Syria in a campaign that could amount to crimes against humanity.

Washington said on Tuesday that Assad was failing to live up to pledges for a truce.

The United States, Britain and France were to send the Security Council a draft statement on Tuesday putting a formal stamp on the deadline and warning Assad of possible "further measures" if he renegees on the truce, they said.

Russia, Assad's veto-wielding ally in the Council, has rejected the idea of a deadline, with Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov saying "ultimatums and artificial deadlines rarely help matters."

Global sanctions on Iran not working: Israel PM

(AFP) - The global campaign of imposing sanctions against Iran has so far failed to halt Tehran's controversial nuclear drive, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday.

"The sanctions are painful, hard.. but will this bring about a halt or a retreat in the Iranian nuclear programme? Until now, it has not happened," Netanyahu told reporters in Jerusalem.

He said the Iranian regime is struggling financially but has strengthened its political grip following the recent parliamentary elections.

"The regime strengthened its grip in the recent elections, despite the sanctions," he said of the parliamentary elections which took place in Iran in early March.

"It has strengthened its po-

litical grip, it is struggling financially and it still hasn't turned back by even one millimetre from its nuclear programme.

"Will these difficulties cause the Iranian regime to stop its nuclear programme? Only time will tell. I can't tell you if it will happen. I know there is hardship but there still hasn't been a change."

Israel has said frequently it is keeping all options open for responding to Iran's nuclear programme, which it says is aimed at securing nuclear weapons, posing an existential threat to the Jewish state.

Although the United States and much of the West also believe Iran is seeking a militarised nuclear capability, they have called for time to allow biting sanctions to take effect.

So far, the UN Security

Council has imposed four sets of sanctions on Tehran over its nuclear activities, while the US and Europe have also imposed their own raft of unilateral economic sanctions.

Iran has consistently denied that its nuclear programme is aimed at making atomic weapons.

But on Monday it said it would not be swayed from its nuclear "path" by sanctions, a week before it is due to hold key talks with world powers over the controversial drive.

Israel, the sole if undeclared nuclear power in the Middle East, and the United States have both threatened military action against Iran's nuclear facilities if diplomacy and sanctions fail to curb the Islamic Republic's nuclear ambitions.

Canadians rally against wind power



OTTAWA (AFP) - Hundreds of Canadians demonstrated on Tuesday calling for an end to subsidies for wind power, saying noise from colossal turbines is making some people sick and driving down rural property prices.

Organizers told AFP about 800 farmers and other rural residents rallied outside a clean energy forum in downtown Toronto against a government subsidy for wind and solar power projects.

They said in a statement the program has resulted in "unbridled and unnecessary development" of wind power projects throughout Ontario, "which is altering rural communities, causing power bills to rise dramatically, and even causing some people to become ill from exposure to the environmental noise."

And they called for Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty to resign for pushing wind power as part of a clean energy agenda.

Jane Wilson, president of Wind Concerns Ontario, one of the 40 groups represented at the protest, said in a telephone interview, "People like to point to wind mills in Holland. These machines are nothing like that."

"They're huge power-producing machines that make noise and produce a vibration... that is felt in the inner ear, similar to the bass from a passing car that's playing loud

music."

"People can't sleep at night, they get headaches, nauseous and dizzy," she said.

Others lamented premiums paid for wind and solar energy, saying Ontario's feed-in-tariff program, which led to thousands of small rooftop solar installations and large wind farms to pop up across the province, is driving up energy costs.

McGuinty said his government would lower the subsidies the province pays for future wind and solar energy projects.

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International News

Sarkozy denies 2007 illegal campaign funding



PARIS (AFP) - French President Nicolas Sarkozy on Tuesday vehemently denied new accusations of illegal party financing that are threatening to overshadow his re-election campaign.

An investigation into alleged illegal financing of Sarkozy's 2007 campaign by L'Oreal heiress Liliane Bettencourt is gathering momentum alongside campaigning for the two-round presidential election in April and May.

But the right-winger on Tuesday again denied any wrong-doing, saying that in

2007 his campaign funding "was contested by no-one".

Sarkozy said he was not surprised by the resurgence of the illegal funding claims, adding that in the run-up to an election a few "stink bombs" were always thrown.

This drew outrage from Socialist candidate Francois Hollande's camp.

"To say that these are stink bombs is an insult to the justice system," said Jean-Marc Ayrault, a top Hollande advisor and leader of the Socialist parliamentary group.

Green candidate and former



BOGOTA, Colombia - Handout picture released by the Colombian presidency showing Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos (R), talking with former FARC hostages at the Military Hospital in Bogota, on April 3, 2012. Colombia's leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) rebels on Monday freed 10 police officers and soldiers held hostage for more than 13 years. AFP PHOTO

prosecutor Eva Joly last week called for Sarkozy to "give up his immunity (as head of state) and go and explain himself".

Investigating magistrate Jean-Michel Gentil has cited two dubious withdrawals of 400,000 euros each from Swiss bank accounts by an intermediary to Bettencourt's close aide Patrice de Maistre.

On March 23 Gentil, charged de Maistre with several alleged crimes and ordered him detained.

The first withdrawal was made on February 5, 2007, two days before a meeting between de Maistre and Eric Woerth, who was at the time treasurer of Sarkozy's first successful campaign.

Woerth later became labour minister but resigned in 2010 as the campaign financing probe gathered pace. In 2011 police carried out searches of his home and of the ruling UMP party's office in connection with the case.

Bettencourt's accountant, Claire Thibout, has testified to having been asked a number of times in 2007 to provide batches of 150,000 euros to Woerth.

The second questionable withdrawal was made on April 26, 2007 -- four days after the first round of the presidential election and over a week ahead of the second round on May 6 that Sarkozy went on to win.

On April 26, former Bettencourt confidante and photographer Francois-Marie Banier wrote in his diary that the heiress told him: "De Maistre told me that Sarkozy had asked for money again. I said yes."

But Le Monde newspaper later quoted Banier as seeking to play down the significance of his diary entry when he was interviewed by judge Gentil.

US school spree victims shot execution style: police

OAKLAND (AFP) - A Korean-American former student at a California religious college lined up his victims and shot them them execution-style, police said Tuesday.

Police were holding the suspect in the fatal shootings of seven people Monday at Okios University in Oakland which stunned the tightly knit Korean American community in the area.

Details of the shooting and the victims emerged a day after the ethnic Korean gunman allegedly walked into a building housing Okios University, took a receptionist hostage and then sought out a particular female administrator.

When he realized the administrator was not in the building, he shot the secretary and then lined students up against a wall and shot them one by one, Jordan told CNN.

"I'm going to kill you all," the gunman allegedly told the students.

Six women and a man -- all students at the school, aged 21 to 40 -- were killed in the rampage. Jordan said they were from Nigeria, Nepal and Korea.

"This happened within minutes," Jordan said. "We don't think the victims had any opportunity to resist, any opportunity to surrender."

The gunman then walked out of the classroom, reloaded his automatic weapon, and fired into several classrooms before driving off in a victim's

car to neighboring Alameda, California, he said.

He said the gunman then called his parents and surrendered to police who arrived on the scene.

Identified as 43-year-old One Goh, the suspect was a former student at the Christian college and complained to police that he had been treated disrespectfully by staff members, Jordan said.

Some 35 people were in or near the building at the time. Of those, 10 were hit and five were pronounced dead at the scene. Two others died later in hospital. Survivors were found hiding in locked and darkened rooms.

Lisa Resler, 41, said she was leaving the Safeway supermarket in Alameda with her daughter when she saw store security confronting a young Asian man, whom she described as looking "very seated" as he was handcuffed.

Within minutes of the mid-morning shooting, SWAT teams took up position around the building, some smashing glass with sledgehammers and rushing inside as officers helped students evacuate, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

The school, which offers degrees in nursing, biblical studies and Christian ministry, says "students are given the opportunity to obtain a Christian education that is based on solid Christian doctrine and ideology."

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Health & Living

Ultrasounds aid better breast screening: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Women's annual breast exams could be improved by adding ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans to the usual mammogram, according to a US study released on Tuesday.

The research, published in the April 4 edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association, found that those two technologies helped spot small cancers that mammograms had missed.

The study followed 2,662 women at high risk for breast cancer, particularly because of dense breasts or a family history of the disease. They agreed to undergo three independent screenings in one year, arranged in random

order.

The three tests found a total of 111 cancers, for about 2.6 percent of the total group.

Mammography, which is a low-energy X-ray of the breast, turned up 59 cancers, or 53 percent of the total cancers found.

Ultrasound, a scan that uses sound waves to produce a picture of the body's internal workings and is often used for pregnant women, found 29 percent of cancers on its own, independent of other tests.

MRI scans which use a magnetic field combined with pulses of radio wave energy, found a total of eight percent of cancers that the other two methods had failed to detect.

Eleven cancers, or 10 percent, were not found by any of the three screening technologies, said the study.

"Annual ultrasound screening may detect small, node-negative breast cancers that are not seen on mammography," said the study.

According to Kristin Byrne, chief of breast imaging at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, the study shows that alternative testing methods can help spot cancers that mammograms miss.

"Nearly half of the cancers would not have been detected with mammography alone," said Byrne, who was not involved with the study.

"Breast cancer is difficult to detect on mammography in patients with dense breast tissue. Ultrasound and MRI detect a significant number of breast cancers which are not seen on mammography" in these patients, she added.

"Additional yearly screening with MRI and ultrasound is important in high risk patients with dense breasts for early detection."

A separate study released on Monday by researchers at Harvard University found that mammograms tended to over-

diagnose a significant number of cancers -- between 15 and 25 percent.

That study followed nearly 40,000 women with breast cancer in Norway. It found no drop in the numbers of women with late-stage disease between those who had yearly mammograms and those who did not undergo annual tests.

Even more, between 1,169 and 1,948 women were "over-diagnosed" -- meaning they were told they had cancer when their tumors would have caused no harm had they not been found.

"Mammography might not be appropriate for use in breast cancer screening because it cannot distinguish between progressive and non-progressive cancer," said lead author Mette Kalager, a visiting scientist at Harvard and a researcher at the Telemark Hospital in Norway.

"Radiologists have been trained to find even the smallest of tumors in a bid to detect as many cancers as possible," added Kalager.

"However, the present study adds to the increasing body of evidence that this practice has caused a problem for women -- diagnosis of breast cancer that wouldn't cause symptoms or death."

Concerns about false positives in mammograms have existed for years, leading some researchers to believe less frequent exams may be the answer.

Currently, the US National Cancer Institute recommends that women age 40 or older should have a screening mammogram every one to two years.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among US women after non-melanoma skin cancer, with about 202,000 new diagnoses per year and some 40,000 deaths according to the US Centers for Disease Control.



Please remember to
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Soy may pose risks to breast cancer patients: study

(AFP) - Eating soy could pose risks to some women who begin consuming it as adults by making breast cancer tumors resistant to treatment, US researchers said.

A study on lab rats showed that those who were fed a soy compound all their lives responded well to a popular breast cancer drug, tamoxifen, but those who began eating it as adults, and after they developed breast cancer, grew resistant.

The research suggests a possible reason why tamoxifen stops working and allows tumors to grow again in some women, said scientists from Georgetown University who presented their findings at a medical conference in Chicago.

Soy contains isoflavones that mimic the estrogen pro-

duced in the body, only at lower levels, and is considered a healthy protein source found in foods like tofu, miso, soy beans and soy milk.

Its potential benefits against breast cancer are often linked to the lower rates of hormone receptor positive types of breast cancer seen in Asian women who live in parts of the world where soy consumption is common.

Since tamoxifen is typically given to breast cancer patients with estrogen receptor and/or progesterone receptor positive types of tumors, the finding suggests that late-life adoption of a soy diet may have rendered the drug impotent.

The study was presented at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting.

Asbestos workers at risk from heart disease

(AFP) - Already facing heightened risks of cancer, asbestos workers also run a greater danger of heart disease and stroke, a British study published on Tuesday said.

Researchers looked into more than 15,000 deaths that occurred among nearly 99,000 workers in the British asbestos industry between 1971 and 2005.

Almost 4,200 deaths were caused by heart disease and more than 1,000 by a stroke, particularly among women.

Male asbestos workers were 63 percent likelier to die of a stroke and 39 percent likelier to die of heart disease when compared with the general public, even when smoking was taken into account.

The corresponding figures for female asbestos workers were 100 percent and 89 percent.

The workers were part of a survey set up in 1971 to monitor the long-term health of people in the asbestos industry.

Most of the male workers had been employed in remov-

ing asbestos, and the female workers were generally employed in manufacturing that included asbestos.

The investigation, led by Anne-Helen Harding of Britain's Health and Safety Laboratory, appears in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Asbestos was widely used as a fire retardant until the late 20th century when it began to be outlawed for causing a form of cancer called mesothelioma and a lung disease called asbestosis.

Doctors have long wondered whether asbestos, as an inflammatory agent, is also a risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

But the connection has until now never been clear, mainly because studies lacked information about whether an individual smoked.

Over half of the women in the new study were smokers at the time of their first medical examination, and these proportions were almost unchanged when they had their last assessment.



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EU probes Google's Motorola in Apple, Microsoft patent war

(AFP) - European regulators opened Tuesday two antitrust investigations against Motorola Mobility, bought by US Internet giant Google, in the latest chapter of an escalating patent war with Apple and Microsoft.

The European Commission said it would check whether Motorola had abused a dominant market position on patents by seeking injunctions to stop Apple and Microsoft from selling their iPhone, iPad, Xbox and Windows products.

Microsoft and Apple accuse Motorola Mobility of unfairly using its extensive patent portfolio to try to block competing products through court orders across the EU and by charging excessive licensing prices for essential patents.

In February, European Union and US regulators cleared the acquisition of Motorola Mobility for \$12.5 billion (9.4 billion euros) by Google.

The battle is centered on standard essential patents (SEP) that technology companies must make available to rivals at a reasonable price because they are vital to the functioning of certain products.

Microsoft and Apple claim that Motorola Mobility

is failing to live up to an industry pledge to license SEPs to rivals on so-called fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory (FRAND) terms.

Motorola made FRAND commitments to standard setting organisations for 2G and 3G mobile and wireless telecommunications, H.264 video compression and WLAN technologies.

The European Union's executive arm said it would also assess allegations by Apple and Microsoft that "Motorola offered unfair licensing conditions for its standard-essential patents in breach" of antitrust rules.

Brussels had already opened in late January a similar case against South Korea's Samsung Electronics, which is embroiled in a multi-continent patent fight with Apple.

The European Commission is investigating whether Samsung went too far last year when it sought injunctions against mobile device competitors in various EU national courts, alleging infringements of Samsung's patent rights.

Google, whose Android software is used by smartphone and tablet computer makers, acquired 17,000 patents with the purchase of the Illinois-based Motorla,

maker of mobile phones, tablet computers and television set-top boxes.

Announcing the acquisition in August, Google chief executive Larry Page said it will "enable us to better protect Android from anti-competitive threats from Microsoft, Apple and other companies."

European Commission spokesman Antoine Colom-bani said the investigation is looking into "past and current behaviour" of Motorola but indicated it did not include Google since the acquisition has yet to be completed.

"We haven't finalised our acquisition of Motorola Mobility but will work with the European Commission to answer any questions they might have," Al Verney, a Google spokesman, told AFP.

Google already has "long-standing concerns" about patent abuses, including lawsuits and royalty demands targeting the Android system, he added.

Google is facing a separate EU antitrust probe over its search engine, with travel websites Expedia and TripAdvisor on Tuesday joining 11 companies in a complaint claiming that the US company was rigging the online search market.

Sci-Tech

Earth Hour dilemma: When the "like" button harms the planet

(AFP) - Green groups around the world are turning to social networking to drive their campaign for Earth Hour on Saturday, when lights are turned off for an hour to signal concern about global warming.

But here's the irony.

With every email, every tweet, every appeal watched on YouTube or "liked" on Facebook, environmentalists are stoking the very problem they want to resolve.

Each time we network, we emit carbon dioxide (CO₂) through the fossil fuels which are burned to power our computers and the servers and databanks that store or relay our message.

That poses a small dilemma for the Australian-led campaign for Saturday's switchoff.

In emails alone, the typical office worker is responsible for 13.6 tonnes of CO₂ or its equivalent per year, a French government agency for energy efficiency, ADEME, calculated last year.

That figure is based on a French company of 100 people who work 220 days a year and each receive 58 mails a day and send 33 per day, with an average mail size of one megabyte.

By comparison, 13.6 tonnes is more than twice the annual CO₂ emissions per capita in France and almost two-thirds of the average annual emissions per capita in the US.

The more people you cc and

the bigger the mail, the greater the carbon emissions, ADEME said.

Facebook and Twitter say they are striving to keep their carbon footprint as small as possible.

Facebook, which claims 800 million users worldwide, is building a massive data centre -- its third globally and first in Europe -- in the Swedish town of Luleaa, near the Arctic Circle.

The local chill helps cool servers, rather than using air conditioning to do so, and the town gets clean energy from hydro.

At a talk last year that he posted on the Internet, Raffi Krikorian, a director for infrastructure at Twitter, said the company contributed around 0.02 grammes of CO₂ to the atmosphere with each 140-character tweet.

Just how climate-damaging is the Internet?

By comparison with other sectors, not very -- and it can be argued that the Internet saves carbon which would otherwise be emitted in snail mail, phone calls or travel to face-to-face meetings.

Andy Ridley, Earth Hour's executive director, said his organisation invested in offsets -- projects that mitigate carbon emissions -- to compensate for its own fossil-fuel pollution.

It was also using an intranet social platform called Yammer to cut down on internal emails.



THE KAROO : This file picture taken on March 30, 2010 shows the Karoo Array Telescope construction site, part of the MeerKAT Project, in the Northern Cape. The combined collecting area of all these antennas will add up to one square kilometre. The telescope will be operated and monitored remotely from Cape Town, where the operations and science centre will be located. Following an initial identification of sites suitable for the SKA by the International SKA Steering Committee in 2006, southern Africa and Australia are the finalists. A consortium of the major international science funding agencies, in consultation with the SKA Science and Engineering Committee (SSEC), will announce the selected site for the SKA this week. AFP PHOTO

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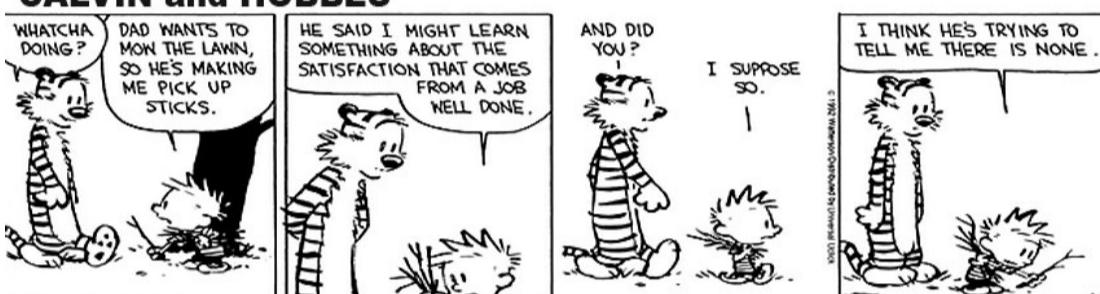
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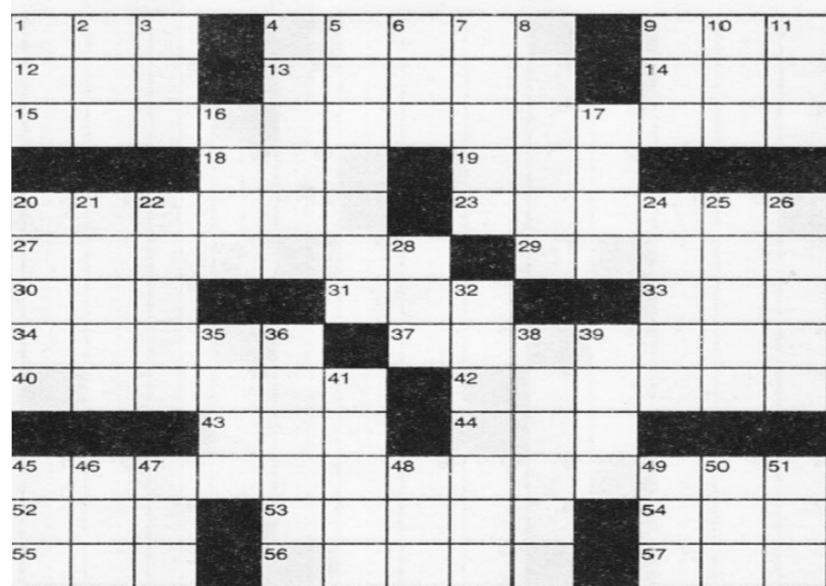
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Harvard Business Review Seminar Aruba with Kaihan Krippendorf



Kaihan Krippendorf

On Friday, April 27, there will be an all-day Harvard Business Review Seminar on Aruba with noted business guru and author of "Outthink the Competition," and 3 other business strategy books, Kaihan Krippendorf, organized by Altagerencia.

A strategist and innovation expert, Krippendorff teaches executives, managers and business owners "how to seize opportunities others ignore, unlock innovation, and build strategic thinking skills." Companies such as Microsoft, Citigroup, and Johnson & Johnson have successfully implemented his approach and their executive leadership has found value in his innovative technique. He regularly conducts programs as a faculty member of Wharton Executive Education, and he is a professor of entrepreneurship and strategy at Florida International University.

Topics covered during the seminar:

- **Revolutions, thinkers and outthinkers,**
- **The five habits of in-**

AAA receives copy of "Economy and Commerce of Latin America and the Caribbean"

Recently Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) received a copy of the publication "Economy and Commerce of Latin America and the Caribbean" by the Chamber of Commerce Colombia. This edition is a very special one, as Aruba has the cover issue.

10.000 issues have been published and will be distributed to large companies in Colombia that are associated to the Chamber of Commerce Colombia to provide them with more information on the Caribbean and for us Aruba.

Besides providing vital commercial data this book also promotes the destination Aruba.



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BlackBerry maker out to capitalize on rivals

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Research In Motion launched a new software platform yesterday that lets businesses manage smartphones made by rivals that have been devouring the BlackBerry maker's market share.

BlackBerry Mobile Fusion was launched as a "next-generation mobile device management solution" for companies faced with a growing trend of employees wanting to use their iPhones, iPads or competing Android gadgets for work.

"Organizations face pressure to allow employees to bring their own devices into the workplace," said RIM vice president of enterprise product management Alan Panezic.

"For businesses and government, managing a mix of mobile devices on any scale is chaotic."

A strong selling point of the platform was that it promised IT managers they would be able to give Apple or Android mobile devices data control and security features that have made BlackBerry smartphones popular with companies.

BlackBerry Mobile Fusion software is available as a free



download but RIM will charge companies fees based on numbers of devices being managed.

The Waterloo, Ontario-based firm reported a net loss of \$125 million for its fiscal fourth quarter to March 3, compared with a profit of \$418 million a year earlier.

That dragged down the full fiscal 2012 profit to \$1.16 billion, down sharply from \$3.4 billion a year earlier as RIM battled against Apple's iPhones and iPads and an onslaught of Android-powered devices.

The results provided a rocky start for chief operating officer Thorsten Heins, who was named president and chief executive after the company's co-chiefs stepped down in the face of investor pressure for a change.

The company has suffered from the costly delay in launching BlackBerry 10, which will use the new QNX operating system, and the commercial failure of the PlayBook tablet computer.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Fed sends Wall Street lower

NEW YORK (AFP) - Signs that the Federal Reserve may be reticent to launch a fresh round of stimulus sent Wall Street lower yesterday.

Amid amped-up market expectations, the Fed published its minutes for its March 13 policy meeting, which showed there was little sign of a quick move by the Fed to juice the economy.

"(The) minutes confirmed that there was a significant movement away from additional stimulus," said Stephen Stanley, an economist with Pierpont Securities.

Stanley added that a solid unemployment report this Friday would probably be "the

final nail in the coffin" of plans for new measures.

The prospect of reduced liquidity sent markets lower.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 64.94 points (0.49 percent) to finish the session at 13,199.55.

The Nasdaq was down 6.13 points, or 0.20 percent, to 3,113.57 points.

The S&P 500 shed 5.73 points (0.40 percent) to 1,413.31.

Bond prices fell sharply. The 10-year Treasury yield rose 0.09 points to 2.28 percent. The 30-year yield rose to 3.41 percent, up 0.07 points.

Bond prices and yields move in the opposite direction.

Looking back at a very successful Rotary Fiesta



put to use for good causes in the community as usual.

The winning number of the Chevrolet Silverado was #8420, the grand first prize. Second prize, a cruise by Maduro Travel was ticket #1942. Third prize was a 50" Panasonic HDTV from AMC Unicon and was ticket #194. Fourth prize was two tickets on KLM for Aruba-Amsterdam-Aruba and was ticket #6593. Also, ticket # 3673 won a computer and printer set from Boolchands.

Prizes 6 to 10 were gift certificates of Afsl.1500 from different establishments in our community, to mention: Afsl.1500 from Hagemeyer, ticket #4794; Afsl.1.500 from Kooyman, ticket #6677; Afsl.1.500, a Leon Money Card from CMB, ticket #5828; Ticket #5338 for Afsl.1.500 from Boolchands; and ticket #317 for Afsl.1.500 for a shopping spree at Ling & Sons Supermarket.

Again, the Aruba Rotary wants to emphasize that all of the funds raised in this year's Fiesta, as in all their fund raising programs, will go right back into the community. Rotarians are particularly grateful to everyone who assisted in making this year's Fiesta such a great event.



The Aruba Rotary Club is still basking in an exceptionally diverse, exciting and successful 2012 Fiesta! In the afternoon hours on Sunday they raffled the various prizes and announced the winners. Aruba's Rotarians are very grateful for the tremendous support they received again this year from the Aruban community. Special appreciation went out to those who came by and purchased tickets for the raffle. All the proceeds of this Fiesta will be



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Colombian artist Botero returns home with a gift



Colombian artist Fernando Botero (L), accompanied by his wife Sophia Vari, unveils a sculpture called "Gato" (Spanish for Cat) during a ceremony at Botero's Park in San Cristobal municipality, near Medellin.



Colombian artist Fernando Botero points at one of his paintings during a conference press at the Antioquia Museum in Medellin, Antioquia department, Colombia.

MEDELLIN (AFP) - Famed Colombian artist Fernando Botero donated his sculpture "The Cat" to his hometown of Medellin Monday as the city prepares to celebrate his 80th birthday on April 19.

"Enjoy it," Botero said as he unveiled the sculpture at the entrance of the public library that bears his name in the outskirts of the city.

The painter, sculptor and teacher, accompanied by his wife Sofia Vari, was honored by hundreds of schoolchildren dressed in traditional costumes.

"The Cat" is a bronze sculpture weighing more than one ton cast in Botero's workshop in Pietra Santa, Italy.

It joins other monumental sculptures by Botero in open areas of Medellin, such as "The House," "Bird," "Maternity" and "Sphinx."

During one of his rare visits to Medellin, Botero headed to the Museum of Antioquia, where 27 of his oil paintings and 23 of his drawings are displayed for the first time in an exhibition entitled "Stations of the Cross."

The exhibition, which opens Tuesday, depicts the final hours of Jesus Christ before his crucifixion and death.

Botero displayed the Sta-

tions of the Cross last October in New York, which marked his return to the city's museums after an exhibition five years earlier on the mistreatment of prisoners in the US-run Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

The Stations of the Cross is scheduled to be displayed in Colombia until August before going on tour in Europe.

"For me, it is a pleasure to come back here to my land with these pictures," Botero said at a press conference Sunday at the museum. "This exhibition coincides with this birthday of mine, which is obviously important and dramatic."

He described the Stations of the Cross pictures as reflecting "the eyes of a modern artist, which allows certain freedoms, such as including yourself or your mother in the works."

Botero's artistic style is characterized by chubby, puffed up human figures.

He first exhibited when he was 19 years old in Bogota's Leo Matiz Gallery.

A museum that bears his name in Bogota displays some of Botero's works from his personal collection, which he donated in exchange for a pledge of free public access to the permanent galleries.

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up

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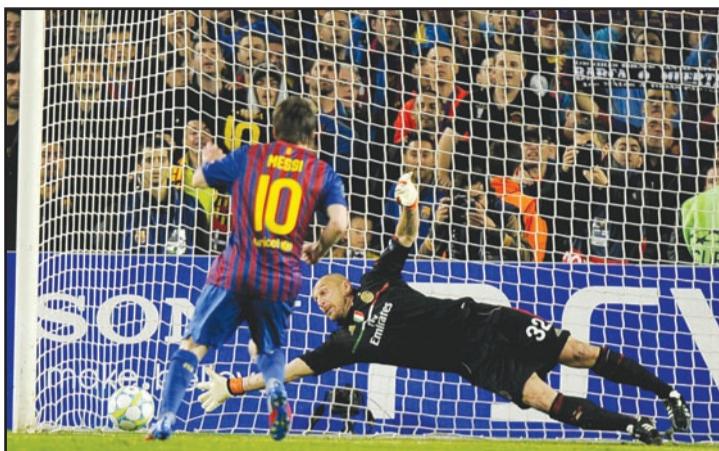
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SPORTS

Football: Messi sends Barca into semis as Bayern cruise



Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (L) scores a penalty.

BARCELONA (AFP) - A double by three-time world footballer of the year Lionel Messi inspired holders Barcelona to a fifth successive appearance in the Champions League semi-finals after a 3-1 win over AC Milan here on Tuesday in their quarter-final second leg clash and win by the same scoreline on aggregate.

Messi's brace of first-half penalties took him to 51 Champions League goals - at 24 the youngest to achieve this landmark - and a total this season of 14 breaking the previous record held by himself and Ruud van Nistelrooy of 12.

Andres Iniesta's well-taken goal early in the second-half wrapped up the match and they will face either Chelsea or Benfica in the semi-finals as they bid to become the first team to retain the trophy since it became the Champions League in the 1992/93 season.

Antonio Nocerino had pulled a goal back for Milan to level briefly in the first-half but in the end there was no stopping Barcelona emulating the great Real Madrid side of the 1950's in reaching five successive semi-finals.

A fired up Messi, who has been the top scorer in the Champions League for the past three seasons but had only scored once before against Italian opposition, had three chances inside the first ten minutes before finally scoring.

At the San Siro, Milan had looked composed and managed to disrupt Barca's usual passing game but now they were looking edgy especially at the back where they were missing Thiago Silva in the centre.

One error after another led to Barca's opening goal.

Massimo Ambrosini was dispossessed in midfield by Messi who tore into the area

and then appeared to make the wrong decision in playing the ball back to Xavi. Full-back Luca Antonini dispossessed the Spain international but then went through the back of Messi and the referee awarded the penalty which the Argentine despatched into the corner.

Milan eventually began to settle and scored with their first moment of real danger.

Milan had got themselves back into the game but then found themselves chasing the game again before the break, after another penalty was signalled for a shirt tug by Nesta on Busquets as a corner was being delivered.

Messi stepped up and sent the keeper the wrong way from 12 yards.

Still Milan knew that a goal would put them through to the next round but their task was made a lot tougher after 53 minutes when Iniesta put Barca further ahead.

Messi was again involved with his shot blocked by Philippe Mexes and the rebound unluckily for the defender ran to Iniesta who slotted home clinically from close range.

Barca managed to take the steam out of the game in what was a scrappy final half an hour which was regularly broken up by niggly challenges.

The home side had the chances though to win by a larger margin with Thiago Alcantara and Adriano both shooting wide.

NBA: Lin recovering after "successful" surgery

NEW YORK (AFP) - Jeremy Lin was in good spirits following surgery to repair a damaged left knee, joking with his followers and posting photos of himself in his hospital bed as he recovered on Monday.

The New York Knicks point guard tweeted that the minor surgery performed by team orthopedist Answorth Allen was a success. The operation was to repair a small tear in the meniscus of the left knee.

Lin tweeted: "Praise God for a successful surgery...road to recovery! Lets goo. Much love to the fans for your support and kind words."

Lin also thanked the doctors and nurses and joked about connecting with his fan base via his social networking Facebook page.

"Be on the lookout...gonna have a random Q&A with the fans tonight on <http://facebook.com/jeremylin7> when the painkiller drugs wear off lol."

Lin is expected to miss about six weeks while he recovers.

That would have him likely missing the rest of the NBA regular season, which ends on April 26.

Lin, who was born in California to parents from Taiwan, became an international sensa-

tion as the first American of Chinese or Taiwanese descent to play in the NBA.

He said last week that he'd felt pain in his knee after the Knicks played a stretch of four games in five nights and had missed three games before Saturday's announcement.

Lin, who graduated from academically oriented Harvard University, rather than one of America's college basketball powerhouses, was cut by two NBA clubs before getting his chance with the Knicks.

He produced the most points and assists of any NBA player in their first 10 starts since 1976.

His high-scoring games, last-second heroics and precise passing helped the Knicks win seven games in a row upon his arrival, sparking the phenomenon dubbed "Lin-sanity."



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Basket: Kentucky captures US college basketball crown



NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, (AFP) - The Kentucky Wildcats won its eighth national championship on Monday, holding off the Kansas Jayhawks with a 67-59 victory to capture its first NCAA division one title since 1998.

Guard Doron Lamb scored 22 points for Kentucky which led by as many as 18 points in the first half of the American collegiate showdown at the Superdome in New Orleans.

Kentucky improved to 111-46 overall in the NCAA tournament, and has now won the national titles in 1948, 1949, 1951, 1958, 1978, 1996, 1998 and 2012.

Top-seeded Kentucky stormed to a huge first half lead and then led by as many as 15 points with just over five minutes remaining before Kansas rallied to close the gap. Kentucky led 41-27 at halftime.

The Jayhawks narrowed the Wildcats' lead to 62-57 with 1:37 left in the game but

Kentucky made five of seven free throws down the stretch to clinch the title.

Kentucky's star freshman Anthony Davis finished with 16 rebounds and six blocked shots. But Davis struggled in the shooting department going one-of-10 for just six points.

Guard Tyshawn Taylor finished with 19 points and forward Thomas Robinson had 18 points and 17 rebounds for second seeded Kansas.

Kentucky posted victories over Western Kentucky (81-66), Iowa State (87-71), Indiana (102-90) and Baylor (82-70) to reach its second consecutive Final Four tournament.

This was the second meeting of the year between the two with Kentucky also winning back in November 75-65.

The Wildcats have a 21-6 all-time record over the Jayhawks, who were playing in their eighth national championship game.

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Golf: Time marches on while Tiger turns back the clock



AUGUSTA (AFP) - Tiger Woods has found the form that made him a 14-time major winner, but the 36-year-old legend also finds himself outdriven by younger, larger rivals and giving Masters advice to newcomers.

Woods tees off Thursday morning at Augusta National for the 76th Masters seeking a fifth green jacket, his first Major win since the 2008 US Open and one step closer to the record 18 major titles won by Jack Nicklaus.

After Woods won his first major title 15 years ago at Augusta, courses became longer and players became stronger to meet the challenge he posed.

Now on the comeback trail in a world he created, Woods comes into the Masters having snapped a 2 1/2-year US PGA win drought last month at Bay Hill in the aftermath of injuries and his infamous sex scandal.

While it has been a long

time since Woods played so well, the winner of 72 career titles still paints himself in something of an underdog role compared to younger, stronger players.

"I think I have more shots than I did in 2000. I guess I'm not driving the ball as far, but I'm longer than I was in 2000. So it's a different game. The guys are much taller, much bigger, much more athletic."

"The game has become bigger and stronger. Before, when I played back in 2000, the big carry was 280 (yards). That was a big carry over a corner. Now that has been moved out to 315, 320. It's just a different number now."

Woods in 2000 was in the heart of his "Tiger Slam" run of four major titles in a row. Despite two major swing changes since, Woods finds his

Macho' Camacho charged with child abuse

MIAMI (AFP) - Former boxing champ Hector "Macho" Camacho has been charged with child abuse for allegedly slamming his son into a floor at his ex-wife's home in Florida last year, police said.

"He turned himself into the Orange County Jail on Monday, posted \$5,000 bond and was released," public affairs spokeswoman at Orange County Sheriff's Office.

The 49-year-old Camacho, a three-time world champ, was accused of hitting and stomping on his son, police documents say.

The incident took place on March 22, 2011, allegedly over money Camacho apparently believed was missing at the home of his ex-wife, the documents show.

The child, whose identity was not revealed, told authorities he believed his father was on drugs at the time of the incident.

The boxer, originally from Puerto Rico, in recent years has made appearances on two reality television programs, "Mira Quien Baila" and "Es Macho Time."

mastery of shotmaking similar to his glory days.

With a victory on Sunday, Woods could also match Nicklaus for second on the all-time US PGA win list with a 73rd overall crown, nine shy of Sam Snead's all-time record.

"I would like the green jacket more," Woods said. "I know the 73 would be a by-product of it, but I'm here for the green jacket."

Woods is also at Augusta National to dispense advice, much the way he learned secrets of the course from Arnold Palmer and Nicklaus in bygone days, such as a practice round with Nicklaus in 1995 as an amateur.

"Jack that year told me some of the putts he has hit over the years, the strategy on how to play certain flags," Woods said. "At the time it was all about the different angles."

Now Woods finds himself being asked for advice by such rivals as his Tuesday playing partner, Sean O'Hair.

"I do help them," Woods said. "We were talking about the golf course and what flag you fire at and where do you want to miss it to this flag, where do you hit over the green to this, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah."

Asked to reflect on how much had changed in his personal life since 2010, when he returned from a sex scandal hiatus at the Masters vowing greater respect for fans and the game, Woods retreated to a familiar topic -- golf.

"It was also coming here to a golf course that I know," Woods said. "Knowing how to play it, and just the history behind this tournament just makes it so special."

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Tennis: Venus advances at Charleston

CHARLESTON (AFP) - Venus Williams, bidding to build up her ranking after a lengthy lay-off in time to book an Olympic berth, reached the second round of the WTA's Charleston green clay tournament Tuesday.

Seven-time Grand Slam champion Williams, currently ranked 87th in the world, needed 79 minutes to dispatch qualifier Iveta Benesova of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-3.

Williams, who received a wild card invitation into the draw of the \$740,000 premier

level tournament -- which she won in 2004 -- booked a clash with seventh-seeded Serbian Jelena Jankovic, who enjoyed a first-round bye.

Williams finished out of the top 100 in the world last year for the first time in 15 years after a season plagued by injury and illness.

She withdrew from the second round of the US Open, where she revealed she had been diagnosed with the auto-immune disorder Sjogren syndrome, and didn't play again until making it to the quarter-finals at Miami

last week.

Williams fell to eventual

Miami champion Agnieszka Radwanska, but her run on the hard courts at Key Biscayne was enough to lift her

47 spots in the world rankings and back into the top

100.

Serena Williams, the 2008 Charleston champion and the No. 5 seed, was due on court later Tuesday, taking on Russian Elena Vesnina in a second-round match.

Vesnina was runner-up to Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki here last year.

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Golf: Big Three drive again at Masters



golf fans attending the tradition-rich tournament so adore.

Palmer took up the honor, which involves a former star player hitting the first drive of the tournament shortly after the crack of dawn and then standing aside, in 2007 and Nicklaus joined him three years later.

Player, at 76 six years younger than Palmer but four years older than Nicklaus, said that he had had no hesitation about taking up the offer to be an honorary starter when it came.

"But I'm already trying to control myself," the little South African said. "I think that's why I won a lot of tournaments, because coming down the line, I was able to control my nerves."

"I think genetics are an important thing in that and I was

lucky to have the right genes, and I was lucky to be able to control my nerves, not on every occasion.

Particularly emotional for Player will be the experience of once again joining forces with Palmer and Nicklaus, who together did so much in the 1960s to usher in the modern era of golf.

Player will become the ninth designated Honorary Starter since the Masters asked Jock Hutchison in 1963.

After Hutchison there followed Fred McLeod, Byron Nelson, Gene Sarazen, Ken Venturi and Sam Snead before Palmer stepped forward in 2007, after a five years hiatus in the tradition.

A great enthusiast over the history of the sport, Player said he vividly remembered Hutchison teeing off in 1963 and then he admired Snead's famously sweet swing in later years.

But he was less than com-

plimentary about recent developments in the game, railing against the technological advances in ball and equipment which have made 300-yard plus drives commonplace and calling for a ban on long putters.

"What perturbs me is that with this distance going on, it can hurt golf, because the average club says, well, we've got to lengthen our golf course. They're driving a 7-

iron on a par-5.

"So they all get together and lengthen the golf course. More water, more fuel, more labor, more machinery, and the costs go up.

"And they say, oh, we have to levy the members and the members don't like it, and the members resign. And that's why golf has declined, because these people have gone the wrong way."

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